

HONORING THE TEXAS
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, it is always an honor to recognize outstanding children's organizations and their wonderful accomplishments. Today, I rise to honor the Texas Children's Choir from San Antonio, Texas for being the only American children's choir invited to perform at the commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of D-Day at Normandy.

For the past 10 years, the Texas Children's Choir has provided military and civilian children an opportunity to showcase their musical talents. These children are among an elite number of choirs who have had the distinction of singing and inspiring audiences at the National Cathedral, the U.S. Capitol, Notre Dame, Disney World and Opryland. I am proud to have them represent both San Antonio and the nation at this momentous World War II anniversary.

I would like to recognize the choir's director, Dr. Thomas Hardaway, for his leadership and commitment to teaching children music, discipline, and teamwork. Dr. Hardaway recognizes that children are America's most valuable resource and, as such, they must have guidance to develop their skills and learn the value of civic service.

Most importantly, I would like to recognize the students of the Texas Children's Choir who have practiced diligently to obtain success. I am proud of their efforts, and I know they will continue to succeed in their future endeavors, including the lifelong pursuit of education and music.

I ask my fellow Representatives to join me in recognizing the Texas Children's Choir and to thank the children and their families for the sacrifices they have made to travel to Normandy, France so as to honor our World War II veterans.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO U.S. ARMY
STAFF SERGEANT ERIC PETTY

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to the life and memory of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Eric Petty, who honorably devoted his life to defending the freedoms of our nation. A member of the 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Eric was recently killed while guarding a weapons cache in Salman Al Habb, near Baghdad. His story is one of honor, selflessness and sacrifice. As we mourn the loss of an American patriot and hero, I think it is appropriate to call the attention of this body of Congress, and this nation, to the sacrifice that Eric made on behalf of a grateful nation.

Honoring his father's service to our nation, Eric was a junior in high school when he

joined the Army where his father had served as a warrant officer. He was a well-known figure in Grand Junction, Colorado, serving as a U.S. Army recruiter in my hometown for three years. Eric could have stayed on as a recruiter, but his deep love for his country and his sense of duty led him to take a position where he could be placed on the front lines. When his unit was attacked while guarding a large cache of ammunition, he ordered all of his soldiers to get into their vehicles, and was the last one to get in when he was shot. If it were not for his heroism and leadership, many more soldiers would have lost their lives.

Mr. Speaker, U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Eric Petty will be sorely missed. Although we grieve over the loss of this incredible individual, we can take comfort knowing his sacrifice was made while fulfilling his dream of serving our nation. I would like to extend my heartfelt respects to his beloved wife Kimberly, son Colton, parents, family and friends as they mourn his passing. It is my honor to pay tribute to the life of Eric Petty before this body of Congress and this nation.

IN HONOR OF MOSHE DWORKIN

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Moshe Dworkin for his years of service and dedication to the Jewish community. Mr. Dworkin passed away on Sunday, April 25, 2004, in Cambridge, Massachusetts at the age of 68.

Mr. Dworkin was raised by a loving family that taught him to take great pride in Jewish culture and his Jewish heritage. He began his professional career as a teacher in the Detroit United Hebrew Schools alongside his mother. Following his graduate studies, Mr. Dworkin became involved at the University of Minnesota's Herzl Camp, where he served as director and touched the lives of Zionist children from across the Midwest.

Mr. Dworkin took great pride in always working, professionally and as a volunteer, on issues relating to Israel and the Jewish community. Founder and president of M. Dworkin & Co., Mr. Dworkin served as a publishing consultant for many major Jewish organizations, including the World Jewish Congress, Jewish National Fund, and the Anti-Defamation League. He also was the founding publisher of Moment Magazine, which today is the largest independent Jewish magazine in America, with a circulation of 65,000.

Mr. Dworkin was not only an active member in the Jewish community, but a leader. He served for several years as president of the National Jewish Book Council, and as president of the UJA-Federation, chairing the Jewish Community Relations Council. Mr. Dworkin was also a long-time member and past vice president of the B'nai Zion, and, along with his wife, was among one of the founding families of the Solomon Schechter Day School of Bergen County.

Mr. Dworkin received his bachelor's degree from Wayne State University. He also held a

Master's Degree from the University of Minnesota in Political Science. Mr. Dworkin is survived by his wife, Susan, sister, Alezah Weinberg, two sons, Benjamin and Aaron, and daughter, Jenny.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Moshe Dworkin for his dedicated service to the Jewish community. His leadership, countless contributions, and passion will be truly missed.

HONORING CHARLOTTE R. OTTO
AS SHE RECEIVES THE AMERICAN
JEWISH COMMITTEE CINCINNATI
CHAPTER'S 2004 HUMAN
RELATIONS AWARD

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charlotte R. Otto, a good friend, constituent and dedicated community volunteer, who will receive the American Jewish Committee Cincinnati Chapter's 2004 Human Relations Award on May 17, 2004. She will be honored for her exemplary professional accomplishments and her commitment to, and vision of, a better downtown Cincinnati.

Charlotte is currently the global external relations officer for the Procter & Gamble Company, responsible for the company's worldwide media relations; consumer affairs; government and community relations; product publicity; shareholder communications; and corporate contributions.

A leader in the economic development of downtown Cincinnati, Charlotte has held key positions with Downtown Cincinnati, Inc.; the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce; the Greater Cincinnati Convention and Visitor's Bureau; and the Port of Cincinnati Development Authority. She has also championed Cincinnati's arts, chairing the board of Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, and served on the boards of the Arts & Cultural Council of Greater Loveland and the Cincinnati Fire Museum.

During her tenure at Procter & Gamble, Charlotte has compiled an impressive record. She joined the company in 1976 in brand management, and then spent thirteen years in the advertising division managing such leading brands as Bounty, Pert and Sure. She moved to Public Affairs in 1989 and was named a Vice President in 1991 and Senior Vice President in 1996.

Throughout her career, Charlotte established many impressive "firsts." She is Procter & Gamble's first female corporate officer, the first woman elected to a business group, the Commonwealth Club, and one of the first women board members of the Queen City Club. She is also a member of the YWCA Academy of Career Women of Achievement, and is a director of the Royal Bank Financial Group of Canada.

Charlotte received a B.A. in Consumer Affairs and an M.S. in Management from Purdue University.

All of us in Greater Cincinnati congratulate Charlotte on receiving this prestigious honor.